for nomination. This Christian member was not included in that list. Still he was nominated.

President.—There was an Ezhuva petition pointing out that the nomination should be from amongst them. They had made mention of suitable Ezhuva candidates. Is it so?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—An Ezhuva member was also included in the list.

President.—If there was a request of that kind, why did we not nominate an Ezhuva?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is true that there was an Ezhuva member competent to be nominated. But at the time of nomination, his services were not available, as he joined the college.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The one nominated is not the one who was included in the list.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Government is not bound to nominate one from among those whose names have been included in the list prepared by the Revenue authorities.

President.—Did you satisfy yourself that, amongst the other communities, there was none suitable to be nominated as a member?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, Sir.

President.—That settles the question.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—In these matters, do not the Government consider that members from unrepresented communities should be nominated?

President.—My view is that it should be done.

The scheme for the development of agriculture.

72. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state what the outcome is of the question sent in and the answers received from the various practical agriculturists in early 1916 by Diwan Mr. Bhore?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—A comprehensive scheme of work for the guidance of the Agricultural Department was drawn up, and the general principles on which it should develop its activities were defined. For detailed information regarding the scheme the Member is referred to the Diwan's Proceedings R. O. C. No. 435/90, dated 17th February 1917, published on page 465, Part I of the Gazette, dated 13th Kumbham 1092.

Siltclearance of poramboke tanks.

73. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state on what principles are *poramboke* tanks selected for silt clearance, etc., by the Superintendent of Village Panchayats?

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Is it true that only *poramboke* tanks surrounded by *Pandaravaka* lands are alone selected for improvement by the expenditure of Sirkar money?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—*Poramboke* tanks are selected for silt clearance with due consideration of their condition and utility. There is no rule that only *poramboke* tanks surrounded by *Pandaravaka* lands should be selected for improvement.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know whether any tanks surrounded by *Puravaka* lands were taken up for silt clearance?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I do not know.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—My object in putting this question is to draw the attention of the Government to the general complaint that only tanks surrounded by *Pandaravaka* lands are taken up for silt clearance.

President.—Is there any real distinction to be made?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No distinction is made. In the case of tanks surrounded by *Puravaka* lands, it is with the neighbouring land-holders and Jenmies that the right of silt clearance is vested. If the Government undertakes the silt clearance, we used to get contributions from the local people.

President.—Are these tanks used for irrigation purposes?

Mr I. Raman Menon.—They are used for both the purposes, irrigation and bathing.

President.—Now, the neighbouring people are benefitted by the silt clearance and so they must in the natural course incur a portion of the expenditure. Is that the point?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—We have not made any clear distinction.

President.—We insist on a contribution from the Jenmies whose lands would be benefitted by the silt clearance, and if the surrounding lands are *Pandaravaka* lands, we do not levy any such contribution. I think there is some such distinction.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There is no meaning in drawing that distinction. When the *Pandaravaka* lands are assigned, they became *Puravaka* lands.

President.—There is difference in the rate of assessment in the case of these lands. So there is some distinction.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—We do not make any distinction in the case of tanks, whether they are surrounded by *Pandaravaka Verumpattam* lands or *Puravaka* lands. So far as I know, no such distinction has been made in the selection of tanks for silt clearance. But I remember a rule has been proposed, and I think that rule is still under consideration. It is at that stage that the matter stands. Actually, we have made no distinction.

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President.—What I understand is that no distinction is made in the selection of tanks surrounded by *Pandaravaka* or *Puravaka* lands for silt clearance, even though there is a difference in the rate of assessment between *Pandaravaka* and *Puravaka* lands.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.— Absolutely none.

The treatment for snake poison.

74. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of institutions or persons who applied for State-aid in the treatment of snake bites referred to in answer to question 241 (2) of the last budget session?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—1. Tottathil Meethian Bava, Marada village.

2. Kottilil Sekhara Marar and others, Ayyantole village.

3. Thamarasseri Meekat Damodaran Namburipad, Poyya village.

A lane in Mulavukad.

75. Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the lane which runs from the Bolghatti to the northern end of Mulavukad is in a satisfactory condition;

(2) in how many places the lane is covered with water at the time of high tide;

(3) whether the Government are aware of the great troubles the people of Mulavukad are put to, especially during the monsoon time, owing to the absence of a satisfactory lane;

(4) what will be the cost of levelling up the lane and constructing bridges wherever necessary;

(5) whether the Government will soon do the needful to make the lane satisfactory?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) No.

(2) The Government have no information on the subject.

(3) Yes. Not only the people of Mulavukad but also the travelling public who have to use the lane.

(4) About Rs. 3,000.

(5) The improvements suggested will be taken up when the necessary funds are available.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Do the Government expect to have funds available in the near future?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I received an order from the Public Works Member to-day to have that road repaired this year at an enormous cost of Rs. 3,100.

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